



Spring Newsletter IO 17/03/2017

Dear Parents,

A huge well done to the children from Oak Class for their engaging and entertaining performance at the Vale Choir concert this week. Every one of them behaved beautifully and sang with real enthusiasm - I was a very proud head teacher. A big thank you to Mr Jackson for all his hard work teaching the children the Roald Dahl songs and helping them to shine!

In class this week

Holly Class

Holly class have been doing lots of experiments for British Science Week. They looked closely at the colours of nature and have been changing the colours of flowers. They have also been experimenting with different milks and food colourings. In Maths, Year 1 have been adding and subtracting. Reception class have been learning about 2D shapes.

Holly Class Reminder: Please remember to bring bread ingredients for TUESDAY. Thank you.

Oak Class

In Maths lessons this week, Oak class have been learning about factors and studying their times tables. In Literacy, they have been looking at the features on a non-chronological report and writing their own reports about peregrine falcons. In Science, the children have been studying rocks and fossils, including the pioneering British palaeontologist Mary Anning. In RE, they have been completing their Head teacher challenge for the Easter Service.

Oak class reminder: Vale choir yellow t-shirts. Please wash and return these on Monday. Thank you.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class investigated Stonehenge, including the geographical, physical and spiritual aspects of the monument. The children made a 'Sycamore-henge' in the school front garden and are now going to add houses to make a stone-age village.



In Maths, Sycamore class have been measuring angles and problem-solving to find missing angles, using a protractor. In Literacy, they have been writing character descriptions of the disciples, a dinner menu for Jesus or lyrics for an Easter song. They have also been preparing for the Big Bang Fair at the NEC which they are visiting today as part of British Science Week. Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied Sycamore on this trip. We are looking forward to hearing all about it!

Dinner Money – Oak and Sycamore

There are new arrangements in place for paying dinner money, starting on Monday. Please see letter in book bags.

Parents Evenings – Reception to Year 5

These will take place on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March. Appointment times have been sent home in book bags this week.

Spring Concert Rehearsal – Oak and Sycamore

Oak and Sycamore classes will be having a concert rehearsal on Monday afternoon. Please ensure that children bring their music and instruments with them on Monday, including ukuleles. Thank you.

Spring Concert – Oak and Sycamore

Children from Oak and Sycamore classes are performing in Mrs Donnelly's Spring Concert on Wednesday evening next week (22nd March) at Waltham Church. Please ensure your child arrives at 5.30pm if they have an instrument that needs tuning and 5.45pm if not. Oak class will be singing and Years 4,5 and 6 will be playing ukuleles, in addition to the performances by children who have singing or musical instrument lessons in school. Please let Mrs Donnelly or Mrs Quine know if you can help with refreshments after the show or bring cakes or biscuits. Thank you.

Flagstone Appeal

The owl ministers completed their fund-raising for a new flagstone at Waltham Church last term. When we visited the Church, the children chose a central flagstone at the front of the Church, as that is the spot where they stand with a candle during our services of worship. I am attaching a copy of our flagstone certificate and map of its location so you and your children can look for the Waltham School flagstone when you next visit the Church. Thank you for your donations towards this appeal.

Red Nose Day / Science Show – All classes

Next Friday March 24th is Red Nose Day and the Owl Ministers will be fund-raising for Comic Relief by inviting the children and staff to dress up in return for a donation (minimum amount suggested £1). Instead of a special assembly that day, we will be inviting parents to come and watch our Spectacular Science Show from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. All welcome!

There is also a special hot dinner menu on Red Nose Day – Sausage & Chips, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Tomato Flat-bread followed by Jammy Dodger / Red Nose Cupcake. Please order through the school office (Holly class – eligible for free meal / Oak and Sycamore - £2.20). Thank you.

Spelling and Grammar (SPAG) Workshop

We will be holding a SPAG workshop for parents of children in Years 1-6 on Wednesday 5th April at 6.00pm. Please save the date. Thank you.

Maypole event – save the date

This year's Maypole event will be held after school on Tuesday 2nd May, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. All classes will be performing dances at the Maypole event so please try to save the date so you can come and join us. We are also hoping to have a cake stall. Thank you.

Parent Governor

Parent Governor Andrew Quine's 3-year term is now coming to an end. He is happy to continue in the role but if any other parent is interested in taking over and joining the governing body, please speak to either Louise Imm (Chair of Governors) or me. Thank you.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.

